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# IRRIGATION OF WESTERN CANADA

By Doris Moore

Each spring when the farmer plants his crop he immediately starts wondering, hoping, speculating, yes—gambling. Will the rains come? That is his primary thought. In fact, as soon as the last poor crop—or good crop, whichever happened to come along that year, is harvested, the turmoil begins all over again. Will the rains come?

"Next year we are certain to have a good crop; it has to rain some time," says the farmer. All through the winter the dread thought prevails, in spite of forced optimism. The dread thought, "will the rains come," passes back and forth through the mind of not only the farmer but his wife, his son hoping to get married once the "land is earning," and the daughter who is longing to get off to college to fulfil her long-spent dreams.

At the harvest supper after the crop has been harvested, the men and their families play ball with the idea of a better crop next year.

duced their standard of living. It has caused them to be old men and women before their time, and it is driving us young people away from the farms into the cities. Our fathers have accepted farming as a gamble. They have been speculating on rain. How many of you wish to carry on like this? How many are ready to fight for irrigation? A fight that when won will bring from 45 to 60 bushels of wheat to the acre not just once in seven years, not once in three years, but every year? If hail comes along, an overall insurance policy against all calamities compulsory for all farmers and as a result would be at a low rate, will protect us against everything."

Yes, friends you have it there in a nutshell. And you have the water required for irrigation, not in a nutshell, but in hundreds of miles of rivers and in huge lakes in Western Canada fed by the waters running off the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Listen to this, the Accord-

weather 50 to 70 degrees below zero at some stages of its construction. But, instead, where is the water going from this large river system? It is dumping its billions of gallons of water into the Arctic Ocean each year. "Will the rains come?" we hear the gambling farmer say. Can the farmers rest any longer? And how the water to escape to the sea, instead of arranging to have ditches and canals dug to divert its flow to the thirsty plains?

Go further. Take the next longest river of Central Southern Canada, the Saskatchewan River. Here we have approximately 2,350 miles of river water rushing into Lake Winnipeg. And, not one drop of water in the Mackenzie and Saskatchewan River systems is internationally owned. Canada has exclusive rights to all of it!

Young people and older people of Western Canada, get your irrigation societies formed, and you will find that your Government will be behind you. Start a campaign, and show that you want water. Many people say that the Government should not incur the great, tremendous irrigation project which will cost millions of dollars. True! But have you asked the Government to do it? Have you laid out a great comprehensive plan before them on paper? No. Many farmers are afraid to mention irrigation, talk irrigation, or think irrigation. They think it is like asking for the moon. Rather, it is like asking for cream for your porridge when the cream is sitting over on the buffet waiting to be used—waiting to be reached for.

Here is what happened in a desert years ago. We can safely call any land in Canada a desert that does not have sufficient rainfall to produce gardens or feed for the livestock.

In the San Joaquin Valley in Central California (yes, California) the farmer plants his wheat each year. He knows that, surely as the sun is going to rise in the East, he will get from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre. The grape producer also knows that he will have bountiful crops; the cotton rancher also knows that the bales will be consistent, and everyone can forecast ahead his approximate income.

This could have been different. This land at one time was a desert. Here is the story as recorded by the "Sun-Maid" Raisin Company, Fresno, California, largest dried fruit packing plant in the world, covering 29 acres:

"The California forty-niners hunted gold in the Sierra foothills above the San Joaquin Valley. Five years before General Fremont rode east from Monterey to learn what lay in the great valley beyond the coast ranges. He made his trip in summer and found a hot sun and flat, dry plains. Except for a few poverty-stricken tribes of Indians along the banks of the San Joaquin and Kings Rivers, the country was uninhabited. A few antelope and wild horses migrated through the valley following the sparse pasture. There were wild pigs and wild chickens. Anything that was not from the coast missions and pueblos into the valley was let go. No one would follow it into these 'bad lands.' Fremont recorded the San Joaquin as a 'barren and worthless waste'."

By 1860 the gold above the valley was exhausted and the prospectors were forced to turn to other means of livelihood. Some chose agriculture and, with the optimism of the time, went down into this barren valley floor which was still believed to be as unproductive as any parcel of land on earth.

Their first need was water. At the outset, the farmers were opposed by cattlemen who had taken up huge tracts of territory. They didn't want the range ditched or fenced and every possible obstacle was thrown in the way of the settlers. It was only by a prolonged struggle that the beginnings of our great, modern irrigation systems were formed."

Now, states the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce brief, dated 1946, "The 1940 United States Census



STEVE YAREMKO  
Tangent, Alberta.



MRS. LAURA MCKALE  
Calumet Hill, Quebec

**WINNERS OF CONTESTS**—The winners have been announced of a recent series of contests sponsored by The Wilson Fly Fishing Company of Hamilton, Ontario. Winner of the First Prize of \$100 in the first of the contests was Steve Yaremko, a schoolboy residing in Tangent, Alberta. Steve lives on a farm near the school he attends, and his favourite school subject is arithmetic. He considered using part of his prize winnings to buy a bicycle but on second thought, he has put the money in the bank for the day when he may really need it.

Winner of the First Prize of \$100 in the second contest was Mrs. Laura McKale of Calumet Hill, Quebec. Mrs. McKale is a farmer's wife and the mother of 12 children, six boys and six girls. Aside from looking after her large family, Mrs. McKale finds time to do crocheting, embroidery, knitting and sewing. Mrs. McKale claims she has been using Wilson's Fly Pads for 30 years and would not be without them.

Pictures of the two contest winners are seen above.

## What Price Conviction?

(By Joseph Lister Rutledge)

There are times when we wonder whether people's convictions go as deep as they did a generation or two ago. Another age wore its heart somewhat more openly in its sleeve and accepted the public announcement of a conviction as the best evidence of its validity. Note then one small bit of evidence in defence of the unadvertised conviction.

During the war years when everyone was buying bonds in a surge of patriotic fervor and getting their safe and reasonable three per cent, some Canadians purchased to the considerable total of more than 10 millions of dollars, on which they refused any interest, thus over a five year period doing without \$1,400,000 that was rightfully theirs. They did this because, in their religious or patriotic view, they did not think it right to make money out of war that brought so much suffering to a world.

We may not agree with them. But, in the face of the ultra-practical to whom such an attitude is just plain foolery we would like to say that, while disagreeing, we can still admire convictions that are worth more than three per cent.

## ALBERTA MEN REPORT SEEING WHOOING CRANE

CALGARY.—Two Alberta men—Bliss Rutter of Calgary and Buster Harle, a farmer of the Vermillion district, east of Edmonton—report seeing one of the west's rarest birds—the whooping crane. Rutter reported seeing the bird in a slough about three miles east of Cochrane, while Harle said he saw the bird on a small lake on his farm.

**LEGACY FOR CHILDREN**  
DENVER, Colo.—Hyman Hirschorn, a night club owner, willed \$22,500 upon his death to the city recreation department. He stipulated that \$7,500 of this amount should be set aside to buy ice cream cones twice a week for neighborhood children as long as the money lasts.

ranks Fresno County, San Joaquin Valley, third among all the counties of the United States in the value of farm products."

(To Be Concluded Next Week)

## One Customer Who Liked Swedish Goods

LONDON.—An old woman recently walked into the Swedish Air Lines Travel Bureau here and timidly asked whether they could tell her where to buy Swedish merchandise in London. She was very reluctant to reveal what kind of merchandise it was she wanted, but finally she said shyly: "Well, you see, I should like to have a really good pre-war rat-trap, and the Swedish ones are the best."

## HAS NO RAILROAD

The mountainous terrain between India and Burma is so difficult there has never been a railroad there, sea transportation proving cheaper and quicker.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By WILLIAM FERGUSON

### KWIZ KÖRNER

ALICE IN WONDERLAND TRIED TO USE WHAT AS A CROQUET Mallet?



**METEORITES**  
ARE NOT PURE PROPERTY! ACCORDING TO COURT RULINGS THEY BELONG TO THE OWNER OF THE LAND ON WHICH THEY ARE FOUND.

### SUGAR MAPLE TREES

WILL PRODUCE MAPLE SYRUP EVEN IF CUT OFF COMPLETELY ABOVE THE GROUND! IF PLACED IN A TANK OF WATER THE FLOW OF SAP WILL CONTINUE JUST AS WELL AS FROM NEIGHBORING TREES LEFT UNDISTURBED.

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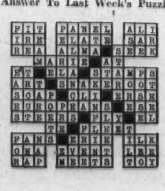
ANSWER: A flamingo, with its long mallet-like head and neck.

—By Chuck Thurston

## X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X

1 To place	2 Channel from here	3 Inland (pl.)	4 Run	5 Meow	6 Ireland	7 California rockfish	8 Things	9 Female ruff	10 Summer	11 Characteristic	12 Mineral spring	13 Ventilating	14 Discharge	15 To check in	16 Month	17 Note of scale	18 Food thing prepared for food (pl.)	19 Tattered cloth	20 To disperse	21 Reuben Bryan ditty	22 To water	23 A rare thing	24 Wimmer	25 Vegetable dish (pl.)	26 Cover	27 Strained	28 Gulf between Arabia and Africa	29 An enzyme	30 Surgeon	31 General (abbr.)	32 Fat around kidneys in beef	33 Danish measure	34 The self	35 Fondle	36 Simple	37 Male offering	38 Vertical	39 Juice of	40 Plume	41 Pile of tanger	42 Earth goddess	43 Early Irishman	44 Allowance for waste	45 To clear	46 A fruit	47 Fertilization	48 A number	49 Aeriform fluid	50 Mashed a facial expression	51 An insect	52 Secret agent	53 Remaining after burning (pl.)	54 Ancient race of Italy	55 To sink	56 Member of an assembly	57 Religious order	58 Bravely	59 To hug	60 Color	61 Color	62 Fruit (pl.)	63 Faint	64 To ponder	65 Color	66 To clear	67 Island (post.)	68 Old Dutch	69 To measure	70 A compass point	71 To depart	72 Proposition
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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



## PEGGY



## FRISCELLA'S POP—The Letdown



—By Al Vermees

## After Long Chase

# How Royal Navy Hunted Down And Sank German Battleship Bismarck

LONDON. — The 1,750-mile chase of the German battleship Bismarck in May, 1941, and her sinking after a "gallant fight against impossible odds" were described in Royal Navy dispatches published in a supplement to the London Gazette.

The 36,000-ton Bismarck, one of the largest battleships in the world, was sunk about 500 miles off Brest after a running battle with the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. after the 42,000-ton battleship Hood was blown up.

A graphic dispatch from Admiral Sir John Tovey, Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, described the end of the Bismarck when she was finally cornered and pounded by the British Fleet after her attempt to break out into the Atlantic to attack Allied shipping routes.

"The Bismarck was a wreck, without a gun firing, on fire fore and after and wallowing more heavily every moment," Sir John wrote.

"Men could be seen jumping overboard, preferring death by drowning in the stormy sea to the appalling effects of our fire."

"The Bismarck put up a most gallant fight against impossible odds, worthy of the legends of the Imperial German Navy, and she went down with her colors still flying."

The dispatches showed that the first scent of the Bismarck was early May, when increased German air reconnaissance between Iceland and Greenland suggested that a German warship might attempt to break out from the North Sea to play havoc with Allied shipping in the Atlantic.

On May 21 two heavily-screened warships — the Bismarck and the cruiser Prinz Eugen — were sighted by R.A.F. planes off the coast of Norway heading northwards.

British warships were dispatched to block the way between Iceland and the Faroe Islands and guard the Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland.

On May 23 the cruisers Suffolk and Norfolk sighted the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen in the Denmark Strait steaming southwest for the Atlantic and began to shadow them.

The battleships Hood and Prince of Wales closed in across the path of the advancing enemy warships.

Early on May 24 they joined battle but Bismarck's second or third salvo started a fire in the Hood which spread rapidly.

Shortly afterwards the Hood was straddled again. "There was a huge explosion between the after funnel and the mainmast and the ship sank in three or four minutes," Sir John said.

The enemy now turned south. It was later learned that, damaged in the engagement with the Hood, the Bismarck had decided to make for a French port, abandoning her attempt to break into the Atlantic.

Fearing that because of her exceptional speed the Bismarck might escape before the battle fleet could close with her, a torpedo bomber attack was launched from the aircraft carrier Victorious.

A Swordfish squadron of nine aircraft, despite bad weather, scored at least one hit which, Tovey said, was "largely responsible for the Bismarck being finally brought to action and sunk."

Late on May 24 Prinz Eugen parted company with the battleship and early on the 25th shadowing British warships lost touch with the Bismarck.

"D-1" Locates Bismarck

After fruitless searches by aircraft and ships, D-1 (direction-finding) bearings on signals picked up by the Admiralty located the Bismarck on an eastern course apparently making for Brest and with a lead of 100 miles.

The battleships King George V and Rodney and the cruisers Norfolk and Edinburgh now took up the chase in earnest, steaming in the wake of the Bismarck towards the Bay of Biscay.

Meanwhile the battleship Renown, the cruiser Sheffield and aircraft carrier Ark Royal hastened northwards from a position some miles off the coast of Portugal to join the attack.

Aircraft from Ark Royal located the enemy and made two torpedo attacks, the second of which badly damaged the Bismarck's rudder and was directly responsible for her being brought to action and sunk next day.

Destroyers Hung To Prey

The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla, including the Polish destroyer Piorun, was given the task of holding Bismarck while the King George V and the Rodney worked round to westward.

Throughout the night of May 26 to 27 the destroyers "hung on to their prey with determination," hit her with torpedoes and delivered her over to the battle fleet at dawn next day.

On May 27 the Bismarck came in sight of King George V and the Rodney.

They opened fire at 35,000 yards and closed in, firing all the time, to 3,300 yards.

In less than two hours it was all over.

LONDONERS HAVE ACQUIRED HABIT OF JOINING ANYTHING RESEMBLING A QUEUE

LONDON. — When a pugilist left a queue by many heings, starting swinging at imaginary foes, people say he's slap-happy. By the same token, Londoners are queue-happy.

Look what happened when a couple of people at an exhibition stopped to consult their catalogue. When they looked up a few minutes later a patient queue had formed behind them.

The same thing has been known to happen when one member of the family slips into a store, leaving the other to wait outside. The person waiting, having read all the labels in the window, turns around to find himself at the head of a queue.

Most likely explanation is that people are afraid they'll miss something good if they don't tag on to anything that looks like a queue.

Old ladies out shopping, who ordinarily would pass a store without a thought for its contents, have been known to halt and join a queue because "they might have something nice."

But sometimes queues are downright silly, like those that formed behind 10 women who were seen waiting outside a store in south London. Others decided to wait too, until the line extended 50 yards. Then a bus arrived and the first 10 women stepped into it and whirled away on an outing, while the others on the sidewalk looked at one another and wondered why they'd stopped.

Then there was the incident in a

HELPFUL HINTS

When substituting bread flour for pastry flour, measure the amount called for and then take away two level tablespoons from each cup.

Salt corrodes silver rapidly, and it is a good plan to remove the cap and wipe off all of the salt residue each time the shaker is used. The shaker requires frequent cleaning and should be polished often.

After you have sprayed a cupboard with DDT solution to rid it of insects, it will be safe to put the food back in approximately three to four hours. Butter and milk, especially, should not be exposed to DDT.

ONE OF OLDEST FAIRS—Woodstock has one of the oldest fairs in eastern Canada. Just how old it is, no one seems to know, but it must be nearing the century mark. The old fair grounds, with many buildings added, was the training centre of thousands of drivers of motorized war equipment. This year the fair was resumed with vastly improved equipment. All livestock can be housed in permanent buildings. Dairy cattle were the important end of the livestock exhibits. The prize list attracted a good show, and the horse show was the only grandstand attraction. There was also a sheep show and a swine show. Ideal weather was a factor in a record attendance for the three days. Woodstock fair grounds, complete with converted army buildings, was revived in a big way this year. In the foreground, R. O. Biggs, Dundas, is shown placing a class of Ayrshire heifers.

Assured Market

## Alberta's Linseed Oil Industry Thrives As Flax Acreage Increases

(By C. Frank Steele in Canadian Finance)

WITH flax just under \$5.00 a bushel net to the grower there are fortunes these days in the crop. One southern Alberta farmer who had his land in good shape in the spring threshed 32 bushels to the acre of flax, a remarkable yield. There were lots of fields that ran half that and less but at 12 and 15 bushels to the acre there was good money in flax at \$5.00 a bushel. More farmers are planning to increase their acreage to this crop for there is an assured market for their production right at home—the linseed oil refinery at Medicine Hat, a growing processing plant.

The industry is not a new one. The Alberta Linseed Oil Company, Ltd., which owns and operates the plant, was established in 1912 by N. G. McNally.

With the crying demand for vegetable oils during the war and since the plant has prospered and this has seen the beginning of an important expansion program. A new two-story building 140 by 160 feet has been added to the original plant, also a new office building. The enlarged premises will permit of doubling the output providing for the processing of linseed oils, refined oils, heavy blown oils and certain lines of "specials."

The linseed oil finds a ready market with paint manufacturers but the byproduct is also valuable for the making of oil cake meal, an excellent conditioning feed for livestock. The output of this feed product also has a certain market in the extensive livestock feeding and ranching districts adjacent to Medicine Hat. It is estimated that with the increased plant capacity it will have now an output of 150,000 gallons of linseed oil and over 1,000 oil cakes a month. All this means a guaranteed market for all available flax grown on southern Alberta farms and more jobs for southern Alberta workmen.

The market for the finished product reaches from coast to coast. From the farm the flax is delivered to the busy "hat plant" where it is first weighed and graded by Dominion government inspectors, a service that works out to the advantage of both the farmers and the processors. It is then hoisted into an elevator of the usual type where it is stored until the time comes for it to be cleaned. In this process the flax seed must be separated from any impurities of straw type where it is a quarter of one per cent, before milling is commenced.

Then the seed is rolled, cooked in a steam jacket at 190 degrees and comes to the mould in cakes laid on wool mats. Wool is an alternative to human hair for this purpose, for human hair is much to be preferred. It is recalled that the "golden age" of this particular industry was during the time of China's liberation from the Mongol rule when the Chinese masses shed their pigtail and their pigtail made human hair plentiful for the industry.

To insure that all the possible oil about 94 per cent—is extracted, the cake is kept under pressure for about an hour and the oil is pumped into tanks in the upper part of the plant.

As for flax as a product in our western agricultural economy it is looked upon as a fairly dependable cash crop in areas where spring wheat can be grown successfully. Varieties are available which mature in about the same time as a variety of wheat. A reasonably hardy crop, flax will withstand spring frosts about as stoutly as wheat.

The flax plant, susceptible to frost in the blossom stage, that is late in July or early August but frost in that period in the west is rare. Rarely does mature flax suffer from frost; in fact, in harvesting the crop is often left standing until the frost has killed weeds. After freezing the weeds dry readily and this facilitates the garnering of the flax.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERY NECESSARY IN INDIA

The English language, apparently, is to remain in India although the British are out. In the vast population there are many languages but English is the common link. It will become more and more necessary and useful as trade and communications expand. Most educated Moslems, Hindus and Sikhs speak English and, as is often the case, usually more fluently and perfectly than those to whom it is a mother tongue.

Smile of the Week--

The mistress entered the kitchen and threw up her hands in horror. "My goodness, Jane!" she cried. "What a kitchen! Every pot and dish is dirty. The table is a perfect litter. It will take you all night to clean things up. What have you been doing?"

"It is not so much what I've been doing, ma'am," replied Jane, "but your daughter has just been showing me how they boil a potato at her cookery school."

In some animals the eyes look to the side and have separated dots of vision.

President Of Alberta Weekly Editors

Mr. William Drayner, publisher of The Wetaskiwin Times was elected as the new President of the Alberta Division Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association at the annual convention held recently at Edmonton. Mr. Drayner succeeds Mr. Clive B. Nesbitt of Brooks, Alta.

Baked Potatoes Should Be Served Immediately

Or One-Tenth Of Vitamin C Content Is Lost

Families never tire of baked potatoes. Why not give a few well-scrubbed ones into the oven for dinner?

Depending on the size, potatoes will require from 30 minutes to an hour to cook through. When they are done, pop them open and pinch slightly to allow the steam to escape. A little butter or margarine is usually added, but if these fats are scarce, grated cheese or evaporated milk will add as much or even more flavor.

They should be served immediately for they are at their best when they come from the oven.

At this point they also contain a full quota of vitamin C, so important to the health of teeth and gums.

If allowed to stand for as much as half an hour before being served, baked potatoes lose one-third of their vitamin C content, and if kept for an hour, about one-half of the vitamin C is lost.

Look To The Stars

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Alien Books

Even a beginner will find this meditation easy crochet. Joined, the medallions form a lovely pattern for large or small accessories.

A new star — a medallion that makes an heirloom of your crochet. Pattern 7404 has directions; stitch. Our improved pattern—written with easy-to-read charts and photos, and complete directions — makes needlework easy.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg, Newsworld Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

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## Big Gains In Canada's Revenue Seen

### Customs And Excise Collections Show Increase Of More Than \$51,000,000

OTTAWA. — Customs and excise collections during the past six months showed an increase of more than \$51,000,000 over the same period of a year ago, Revenue Minister McCann disclosed.

During the same period, he said, income tax collections declined by \$2,000,000 from the same total a year ago. Aggregate net collections for both income tax and customs and excise divisions at the end of the second quarter of the current fiscal year amounted to \$1,261,428,368 indicating a comparative increase of \$19,175,350.

During the second quarter, July, August and September—of the current fiscal year, net income tax collections amounted to \$317,004,019 as compared with \$337,705,445 collected in the same period last year. Figures for the six months period were \$739,360,210, as compared with \$741,380,380 for the first six months of the 1946-47 fiscal period.

Customs and excise revenue for the second quarter this year totalled \$276,289,110 indicating an increase of \$27,422,230 as compared with figures for the same period of 1945-47.

Aggregate collections by the same division during the first six months of this year amounted to \$522,068,150 as against \$440,900,629 for the first six months of 1946-47.

### Falling Leaves Prove Change Is Inevitable

When the first leaves begin to fall they drift in through doors and windows. They shuffle along the sidewalk. They make irregular patterns on the grass.

These leaves are small bits of brown. They have neither summer's green nor autumn's brilliant tones. They slip down silently, self-effacingly, loathe to draw attention to their passing. The breeze shifts them into little piles, sifting and re-sifting them. Passers-by crush them under foot. Children rake them away.

Their going is strangely silent. They murmur a little when the wind rustles them and tap lightly when they fall on rooftops or against window panes. That is their message of farewell. Then the breeze catches them and whirles them away.

There is pathos in these dying leaves. They mark the end of a season. They speak of the passing of loveliness. They embody the inevitability of change. But they strongly challenge the nostalgic to look away from the old and to turn expectant faces toward the new.—Montreal Gazette.

### Commodore Liked This Simple Prayer

In the concluding chapter of his book of reminiscences, Sir James Bisset, commodore of the Cunard White Star fleet and commander of the Queen Elizabeth, says he often read the following poem, a "prayer" to himself at sea:

Give me a good digestion, Lord, also something to digest.  
Give me a healthy body, Lord, with sense to keep it at its best.  
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord, to keep the pure and good in sight.  
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled, but finds a way to set it right.  
Give me a mind that is not bound, that does not whimper, whine or sigh.  
Don't let me worry overmuch about that funny thing called I.  
Give me a sense of humor, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke.  
To get some happiness out of life, and pass it on to other folk.

**LIFE BOAT FLEET**  
LONDON.—Britain is building a fleet of 80 new oil-burning life-boats at a cost of \$4,000,000. All are equipped with up-to-date radio and special voice amplifiers which carry sound over a third of a mile will be used.

"WELL, I'LL BE STAGGERED! AM I GOING TO WORK OR COMING HOME?"



—Moon in the Sunday Dispatch, London



TORONTO MAYOR MAY BECOME CITY BUSINESS MANAGER—Mayor "Bob" Saunders of Toronto may relinquish his mayoral chair to become a permanent "co-ordinator of services". This office, a permanent one, would be similar to the "city manager" idea tried successfully in many U.S. cities and often discussed in Canada. Mayor Saunders is shown, (left), riding a bicycle, one of his favorite "constitutional" exercises. He estimates the new position would give him more time with his family, (right), as the mayoral duties have kept him busy too many hours each day to devote much attention to his home life.

### TAMPERING WITH NATURE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS

#### Scientist Warns Against Using Atom On Weather

A scientist's warning against scientist's tendency to tamper with Nature was delivered by Prof. George H. T. Kimble, and formerly head of the Department of Geography, McGill University, and formerly a Lieutenant-Commander working in the Royal Navy on invasion weather projects, in an address recently before the Valois Citizens' Association.

"There is too great a tendency in modern times," he said, "to interfere with the workings of Nature. The great danger in this tendency lies in the fact that one single major act might well start a whole chain with very serious consequences.

"For instance it has been suggested that by the use of atomic power, or the heat generated in the operation of an atomic pile, it might be possible to raise the temperature of the water in Hudson's Bay sufficiently to moderate the weather of much of the Northern Hemisphere.

"Such a feat as raising the temperature of the water in Hudson's Bay is probably not beyond scientific possibility but let us think for a moment of what might be its consequences.

"The average mean temperature in the Montreal area might be raised 10 degrees. So far, so good. But that is not all. The warmer air, generated by the heat-raising operations in Hudson's Bay, would have about twice the moisture-carrying capacity.

"This means that we would receive twice as much snow. Now this might not be very serious right in Montreal but go a little further north. There could very well be so much snow that a point would be reached that it would remain throughout the spring, and possibly all summer long.

"This means, my friends, the return of the Ice Age. Something which none of us desires. For this reason I say that we should not embark lightly upon any great endeavor to alter the weather of nations or continents. Let us give a thought to the possible consequences."

**COSTLY MISTAKE**  
PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—Building a house on someone else's property can be an expensive mistake. E. J. Waldron bought a lot and on completion of his house found he had built on three lots belonging to an estate. The estate let him keep the lot providing he bought the other two.

A bolt of lightning is one mile away for each five seconds that elapse between the lightning flash and the crash of thunder that follows.



FIND GERMAN GIRL IN WOODEN BOX—Curled up in a wood box measuring 30 inches at its greatest dimensions is Doris von Knobloch, a 21-year-old German girl. A U.S. soldier in Frankfurt, Germany, had left the box at an airline terminal for shipment to a New York city address. Officials, after finding the girl in the box, said that she would have been to death in the plane's freight compartment if she had been shipped. She said she wanted to go to the U.S. to marry her fiancé.

### RESULT OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES IS DEFINITELY SEEN IN LONGER LIFE SPAN

One of the large life insurance companies reports that the death rate among its policy holders dropped to record low during the first half of the present year. This tendency states the Brookville Recorder and Times, which has continued for some years, has as its reflection, a steady aging of our population which carries with it the necessity of making provision for the care and maintenance of our older people, now much more numerous than they used to be.

All the advances made by medicine and surgery in the way of both prevention and cure, all the discoveries that have taken place within the last two or three decades, all the emphasis that has been placed on public health, are beginning to pay dividends in reduced mortality and a prolongation of human life. Thousands and thousands of people of all ages who would have died of disease only a few short years ago are today restored to health and often to useful activity because science has found out how to save their lives.

Gone forever, we hope, is the day when undertakers had special, small heizes for the accommodation of the large number of children who died annually and also gone is the day when the man or woman in his sixties or seventies was considered old. Today he or she has to be in the eighties or nineties to reach that classification and even then some of our octogenarians and nonagenarians are remarkably spry and active. Two or three decades hence it may be that one will have to be over the age of a hundred to be regarded as old.

Our older cemeteries are filled with small headstones erected to small children who, the records show, died of diseases like diphtheria, whooping cough and croup which we have since learned to conquer. There are many, many others to young people in their teens or twenties who succumbed to tuberculosis, another disease that has lost its terrors if it still occurs in far too many instances. The records of older cemeteries continually refer

### CHURCHILL KNOWS VALUE OF COURTESY

#### People And Countries Like To Be Thanked

The Peterborough Examiner says: Knowing when and how to say "Thank You" is not the least important of a statesman's accomplishments. Winston Churchill is a master in this respect. In a recent speech in which he referred to Britain's critical dollar shortage he reminded his hearers that "dollars represent the toll and still and self-denial of scores of millions of American wage-earners who are contributing of their own free will, in most cases without any hope of repayment, to help their fellow men in misfortune across the ocean." So far as we know Churchill is the only man who has had the courtesy to thank the ordinary American taxpayer for what he is doing, through his government, for Europe. Yet all the millions which the U.S.A. is spending come from the taxpayer.

It is easy to forget to thank rich men for benefactions; they have so much money, that we are apt to think that it is no more than their duty to pay, and pay, and it is the same with rich countries. But everybody likes to be thanked. Thanks are the exchequer of the poor, as Shakespeare says, but thanks from the rich are a golden ring.

### Billions Invested In Canadian Farms

Capital investment in Canadian farms in 1946 amounted to \$5,922,347,000, more than 38 per cent. above the figure recorded by the 1941 census, according to the Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for April-June 1947. The investment includes land and buildings, implements and machinery—including motor trucks and automobiles—and livestock, including poultry and animals on fur farms.

The estimated value of farm capital in 1946 was almost seven per cent. higher than the value for 1945, but nearly 78 per cent. of it can be attributed to the enhanced value of land and buildings. Higher prices for livestock, which more than offset a decrease in numbers, and substantial purchases of farm implements during 1945 increased the value of both these components of farm capital in 1946.

**ISLAND IS BEAUTIFUL**  
The island of Jamaica, lying in the Caribbean Sea, was discovered by Columbus in 1494. It is mountainous and of great beauty, taking its name from the native "Xaymaca" meaning "well wooded and watered." It became British territory in the time of Oliver Cromwell.

Prickly pear is a species of cactus edible to man and is eaten by coyotes, foxes and other desert animals.

### Thrifty Dutchmen Get Rich From Marshland

Some 35 miles north of Toronto, Dutch immigrants during the depression years settled south of Bradford, in the area long known as Holland Marsh, though not from any association with Hollanders. Their thrift, industry and steadfastness in the face of discouragement were instrumental in draining the marsh and sowing it to market garden crops. Until today, produce from Holland Marsh commands top prices in any market.

## Autumn Travel In Canada's National Parks

### Many Organizations Switching Conventions To Fall And Spring Seasons

Autumn travel in the national parks is growing in popularity. Nearly 113,000 visitors entered the parks during September, an increase of several thousands over the same month last year, according to figures released by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

In many respects autumn is the most delightful season of the year for travel in the national parks, and it is evident that increasing numbers of Canadians who can conveniently arrange their annual vacations are choosing this time of the year to visit the parks. There are also more American visitors at several of the parks than during the same period last year.

Many organizations which ordinarily hold their conventions during the busy summer months are now planning to have these meetings either in the spring or in the autumn seasons when transportation and catering facilities are not so overburdened. It is expected that this development will eventually be extended to the national parks which have become popular convention centres.

One of the chief topics discussed at the recent Dominion-Provincial Tourist Conference in Ottawa, was the lengthening of the travel season in Canada so that visitors could enjoy the lovely autumn and still winter wonderland of ours. There was general agreement that this would be a desirable development from many standpoints and of great value to the Canadian tourist industry as a whole. It would necessitate, of course, keeping hotels, bungalow cabins and other tourist facilities open for much longer periods, but this would be an obvious development if the volume of business warranted such action on the part of those catering to the travelling public.

The scenic attractions in the national parks are greatly enhanced when nature turns the foliage of the woodlands into a riot of color—orange, gold, crimson and other vividly variegated combinations—and blends them into a harmonious pattern. Autumn is also one of the best times of the year to see the wild animals which are one of the main attractions in the parks. Big game come down to the park highways enabling many a visitor to enrich his snapshot album with "shots" of wild creatures behaving in a natural manner, unafraid of the hunter's rifle. To the visitor who revels in color photography, this is the season of his dreams. After the first frost light frosts deciduous trees, which form a large part of the forest cover in many of the parks, don their mantle of brilliant hues, and are at once a delight and an inspiration. The magic spell of the Canadian landscape in autumn is incalculable. To the canoeist, the angler, the trail rider, the hiker, the ornithologist and the nature lover, this is the most fascinating period of the whole year in the woods or on the park waters. If one is lucky enough to have at least part of his vacation coincide with "Indian Summer," he will experience a thrill that will be long remembered and very different from anything he has previously enjoyed in the way of a holiday out of doors.

### Sensible To Use Health Safeguards

Although disease is less likely to strike the healthy person than one who is in poor condition, more than mere good health is needed to be quite sure of safety at all times. Medical authorities advise, particularly that the extra protection afforded by inoculation, vaccination, and other forms of immunization, be afforded to children. It is suggested that family doctors be consulted about the advisability of giving the youngsters all the special scientific safeguards—just in case.

#### NOT SAME WAVE

Storms that cause static near a radio transmitting station do not affect distant receiving sets; the static does not ride in on the same wave that brings the program.



TAXIES TO SAFETY AFTER FORCED LANDING—A transfer in the rough Atlantic was weathered by 28 persons when a Boeing flying boat made a forced landing 1,400 miles west of Shannon, Eire, and then taxied safely to a U.S. weather ship, to which the passengers were moved. Here, a Boeing clipper taxis to a landing.

# World News In Pictures

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**"LIFE-SAVERS"** — Saving lives with his home-made iron lung and emergency lung equipment, has not brought Robert Hulme, of Montreal, millions, but it has saved the lives of many grateful persons. By revolutionizing respiratory equipment 20 years ago, Hulme has prolonged the lives of over 9,000 fire and accident victims.



**MONTREAL YOUTH DIES IN FREAK ACCIDENT** — Standing on a mooring post at Cornwall when a ship was being snubbed, Fred Weeks of Montreal fell into space under foundation, indicated by cross, and was killed when it fell back. Victim of freak accident, Fred Weeks, 17, is pictured with a friend.



**DIPHTHERIA QUARANTINE IS LIFTED IN JAMES BAY AREA**—An outbreak of diphtheria at Moose Factory, Ont., resulted in quarantine, but did not stop U.S. and Canadian hunters from arriving in droves for moose hunting. The quarantine has been lifted. Government physician for eight years at Moose Factory, Dr. T. J. Orford, shown here with wife and children, Judi, nine, and Elizabeth, six, left two days before quarantine, but offered to return if needed to help battle dread outbreak which is abating now.



**CHRISTENS NEW SHIP AT ESQUIMALT** — Mrs. Lionel Chevrier, wife of Canada's minister of transport, christens the C.N. steamship Prince George, first passenger ship built in Canada in 25 years, at Esquimalt.



**RECEIVES MEDAL**—A well deserved honor came to a little known public official when Dr. C. A. Mitchell, Dominion Animal Pathologist (left), received the Medal of Freedom from the United States at the hands of Hon. Ray Atherton, (right), recently at Ottawa. The citation mentions that Dr. Mitchell rendered outstanding meritorious service of the joint U.S. Canadian commission from 1942 to 1946. The Medal of Freedom is a U.S. decoration which ranks with their Legion of Merit, but is given only to civilians.



**SHE'S NOT SUPERSTITIOUS**—Black cats are jail friends of Patricia Schmidt in her cell in Cuba. She is on trial for fatal shooting of John Lester Mee, Chicago, aboard his yacht at Havana, Cuba.



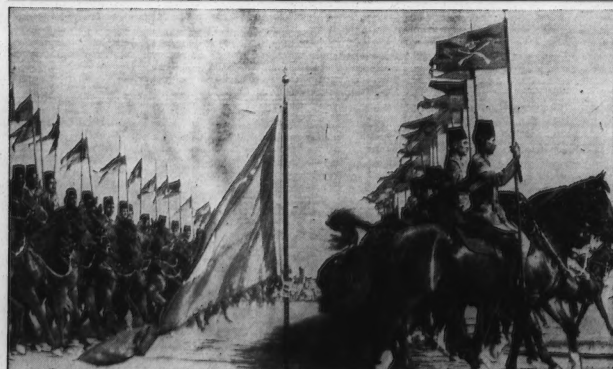
**MAKING FRIENDS—THE EASY WAY**—Patricia Ann Beamish, 15-months-old Ottawa youngster, looks a bit dubious about the whole thing, but "Little Joe" soon made friends, brought child paper, string to play with.



**CASE DISMISSED AGAINST BOYS ENTERING "LOCKED" PLAYGROUND** — Parents and children at Hamilton, Ont., leave juvenile court after charges of trespass on a city playground "officially closed" were dismissed. Older boys in senior court had charges dismissed. Looking through chained gate at Hamilton playground is one of the boys who holds his football. Court said children could play in the grounds if they get the key.



**HEAD-ON COLLISION, BUT TRAIN CREWS ESCAPE INJURY**—Train crews escape without injury when two C.P.R. trains collided head-on near Rutter, Ont., about 40 miles from Sudbury. Railway officials said the southbound train was carrying coal from Britt and the other was a work train running as an extra. Seven cars were derailed and both locomotives were damaged, one badly, when they upset.



**ARABS' WORLD PREPARES TO ACT ON PALESTINE PARTITION** — Ready to invade if Britain with draws and Jews "lift a finger", troops of five Arab nations, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, are reported converging on Palestine. Other Arab nations with armies which bring total forces to 250,000 men are Yemen, Iraq. This is cavalry unit of Egyptian forces said preparing to move into Sinai desert.



**BLAMES WRAPPERS, CURLERS FOR DIVORCE**—Actress Adele Jergens has the high American divorce rate all figured out. She blames the situation on sloppy wrappers. Husbands leave home with their wives in wrappers and curlers, to find girls in their offices in smart suits and tidy hair-dos, claims Miss Jergens. 2748



**CANDIDATE**—Chang Ying, Vancouver's unofficial Chinatown mayor, is one of the candidates nominated at the Chinese Nationalist League of Canada, for election to China's parliament.



**A SPLENDID TYPE** of Canadian-bred Clydesdale, this colt is Winsome Strathore, by Western Windol, and out of Strathore Belle. Bred by P. G. Morrison, Lacombe, Winsome Strathore is pictured by the photographer on the farm of his present owner, Wm. Fleming and Sons, Red Deer, Alta.



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## Epitaph And The Sirens

EPITAPH JONES closed the door of the crazy old cabin with a resounding bang. He gave the house a malignant look before he turned and stamped noisily off the sagging porch. He squared his shoulders, set his gaudy cap at a jaunty angle, and swaggered off toward the not-far-distant town.

The path that Mr. Jones followed meandered resolutely across a wide expanse of black and gray ash heaps. Piles of tin cans glittered in a watery sunlight and grimy children and bony goats raced about him. A chilling wind added nothing to the bleak landscape.

Though he looked a care-free figure, Epitaph's thoughts were acutely painful. "A weepin' woman. Always a-weepin'. Livin' in luxury, a lovin' man, all the work she can do and still she weeps. No sooner she stops weepin' for one thing she begins to weep for somethin' else. Weep and cry—cry and weep, till I need me a ark, if I go on watchin' her weep much longer. I gotta find me some real sunshine somewhere, quick."

As though drawn by a magnet, his feet climbed a steep stair, passed a pool hall, a fruit market, barber shop, a pawn shop. He turned through a white-washed gate to a neat yard where red tubs set on great gray stumps waited their summer cargo of flowers. Gaily painted rocks outlined the path that led to a bright blue door in a small brown house. Even the watery sunlight seemed brighter here.

Epitaph's knock was answered by a trim young woman who greeted him with a pleased laugh.

"Why, how-de-do, Mr. Jones. I was just sayin' to myself I wish that nice Mr. Jones would drop along and here you are promanidin' in. Do have this easy chair, Mr. Jones, and lemme take your hat."

Mr. Jones relaxed into an imitation leather chair and looked about approvingly. White curtains, yellow floors, brightly varnished furniture and scarlet geraniums in the window made a delightful picture to a man lately accustomed to a house suited to a Niohe.

And the entrancing being beside him in the rose-colored dress, lip-sticked, rouged and perturbed, whose charming laugh bubbled out at his lightest remark—surely, she was a veritable beam of sunshine in a cloudy world. No gloom. No tears. Just laughter and light and loveliness.

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## Water Falls In Saskatchewan



The above picture of the "Roaring Rapids" falls, located on the F. E. Shirliff Ranch at Log Valley, 26 miles south of Riverhurst on the South Saskatchewan River, was taken by Fred T. Hill, editor of The Riverhurst Courier, in 1927. The falls have changed but little in two decades, it has still a good flow, and the falling water has the same old music. The falls are on a small spring creek which rises on the Shirliff ranch (this land was formerly owned by Fred Richardson, an old-time rancher of that district), and the location of the spring is wooded, making ideal picnic grounds which are used by many throughout the summer. It is a pretty spot, and one that is deservedly popular. The ranch is in the river valley and much of it will be flooded if the proposed dam on the river materializes.

stream. He looked back at the shore he had just left and metaphorically he shook both fists at the crazy cab in and the next brown house.

"No more women for me!" vowed Mr. Jones grimly. Never will I even speak to one again. Weepin' women! And laughter, women! WOMEN!!! roared Mr. Jones in an overwhelming roar of bitterness.

The west was still bright when Epitaph beached his boat on the sandy shore. A crooked path led him to a small clearing in a wood. On a ragged blanket before a ramshackle but built mostly of packing cases and tin strips, sprawled a man, idle, relaxed, half-hidden in a haze of rank tobacco smoke. A scrawny hound equally relaxed, dozed beside him. As Epitaph Jones gazed on that peaceful scene a sense of relief, of security, swept over him. He spoke fervently.

"Safe at last. No more hammers. No more flat-irons. Just sweet peace and restfulness."

The man on the blanket looked up. He spoke with a rare economy of effort.

"Hi, Epitaph. Make y'ell 'thome. Meet M' Sis' 'Vangline'." He closed his eyes, exhausted.

Epitaph, in the very act of dropping onto the blanket, stared, appalled. The door of the ramshackle house framed a radiant vision—ribbons and ruffles and black eyes and little scarlet slippers.

Epitaph shivered—half turned to flee. Then Romance took a firm grip on his shoulder and pushed him forward.

Said Mr. Jones most politely, "How-de-do, Miss 'Vangline, I just dropped in to see would you like me for a steady boarder. I need me a change of climate, had and with you I could dwell forever in one apex of glorious delightmentness," concluded Mr. Jones in an ecstatic burst of poetic fervor.

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## RECIPES

## CORN GRIDDLECAKES

Corn in the batter gives delicious flavor and makes cakes that fit many meals.

2 cups sifted flour

2½ tablespoons baking powder

1 tablespoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

2 teaspoons sugar

2 eggs, well beaten

2 cups milk

2 cups cooked corn (cream style)

1½ tablespoons melted shortening

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, pepper, and sugar, and sift together into bowl.

Combine eggs, milk, and corn and add to flour mixture. Add shortening. Then mix only enough to dampen flour.

Bake thoroughly on hot, greased griddle. Serve at once on warm plates with butter and syrup. Or serve with sausages, bacon, or vegetables for supper plates. Makes about 2 dozen.

## APPLESAUCE BETTY

2½ cups unweetened applesauce

2 cups whole wheat flakes

¼ cup melted butter

¼ cup light brown sugar

1½ teaspoons cinnamon

Arrange applesauce in a loaf pan or casserole in alternate layers with whole wheat flakes which have been mixed with sugar and butter, having top layer of the whole wheat flakes mixture. Bake in a moderate oven (375 deg. F.) about 20 minutes. Serve with cream if desired. Yield: 6 servings (4½x8½-inch dish).

## Price Jumped Quickly On This Automobile

GRAND RAPIDS.—Police, tracing a 1941 model automobile that left the scene of an accident, said the car changed hands five times in as many days at an average increase of \$100 per sale.

Police said the original owner received \$300 for the car on a trade-in.

The car passed through the hands of three dealers before the present owner bought it for \$500.

Sixty-six per cent. of the population of India are Hindus, 24 per cent. Moslems.

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## Canada's Combat Force To Have Wings

## Plan To Train And Equip Ground Forces For Swift Movement By Air

OTTAWA.—The Canadian army's active force is swinging along now in its peacetime development, aimed at creating a "combat-force-with-wings" with all units and their equipment completely transportable by air.

The last war saw the army emerge as a fast, mechanized fighting force but now they are going to give it a mobility it never has had in its history.

It is a radical plan to train and equip the ground force infantry, armor and services for swift movement by air to practically any point in the dominion. There is no other country in the world which has laid down plans to make its entire combat force air transportable by glider, troop-carrying planes and giant weapons and equipment transporters.

Paratroops enter into these calculations, but the emphasis is on creating a closely-knit fighting force that can be lifted by air to any given point and landed with all its equipment rather than dropped by parachute with limited resources.

In this airborne development, Canada has an aware eye to the problems of northern and Arctic defence and the imperative need for speed in concentrating her scattered units at danger points if they threaten in any part of the dominion.

The work on this long-range plan has begun at the joint air school at Rivers, Man., where the first group of captains and lieutenants from active service units have just completed their training in airborne work, in co-operation with the R.C.A.F.

Other groups of officers and non-commissioned officers will follow this first class to Rivers and all return to their units to train their platoons and companies in the new work.

A crack special air service company at Rivers—mainly composed of paratroops—trains these active service members. This is the company from which paratroops have been drawn for dramatic Arctic rescue work.

The emphasis in the creation of Canada's new army is on this airborne feature. Within a matter of a few years, it is expected that the three regular infantry battalions, the two armored regiments and the services forming the brigade group will be able to be moved by air as easily as they now are moved by truck or train.

## EDITORS ARE USUALLY BLAMED NOT PRAISED

A story is told in Minnesota that an editor of a paper had to be carried home on a stretcher as the result of having received a kind word because of something he had printed. The shock seemingly unnerved him. Just as he reached his home, someone gave him a tongue lashing about another item he had printed. The editor got up and went back to work.

## EXPENSIVE OILS

Some fine oils which tanners use in lubricating soft leather, to increase its water-resistance and flexibility, costs more than butter.



**PLAYS COWBOY**—For the last time before he is flown to Denver, Col., for another critical operation, Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman, 6, Cheyenne, Wyo., plays cowboy on his steel "broncho." "Nubbins" attracted attention and sympathy three years ago when he celebrated what was expected to be his last Christmas. A miracle of surgery saved him. Now, stunted by a rare kidney disease, "Nubbins" will again meet the same surgeon who thinks there's a probable "100-to-1" chance that the operation will make it possible for him to grow normally.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

## BOOKS

Books are the true levers. They give to all, who will faithfully use them, the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and greatest of our race.—W. E. Channing.

There is a choice in books as in friends, and the mind sinks or rises to the level of its habitual society.—Lowell.

Few are sufficiently sensible of the importance of that economy in reading which selects, almost exclusively, the very first order of books.—John Foster.

Books should to one of these four ends conduce, For wisdom, piety, delight, or use.—John Denham.

The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory.—Mary Baker Eddy.

No book can be so good as to be profitable when negligently read.—Seneca.

Surveys show that 70 per cent. of persons with dominant right hands also have dominant right eyes.

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